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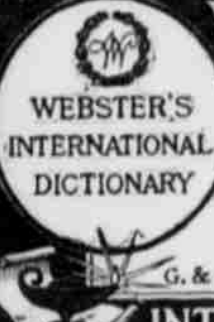
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Some in Cape Colony Declare Themselves for the Boers.

TROUBLING BRITISH.

They Fear That General Gatacre's Advance Will Be Handicapped by the Dutch—Advices Show the Boers Encouraged.

London, Nov. 25.—The gravest news from Cape Town comes from the northern part of Cape Colony, where it is now evident that numbers of Dutch farmers have risen and joined the invading Free State forces in Herschell and Barkley in the eastern districts.

A dispatch from Queenstown, Cape Colony, General Gatacre's headquarters, announces 499 colonial rebels, including an ex-magistrate of Barley, have joined the enemy at the latter place, and the whole force is reported to be marching on Dordrecht, whence it can operate and possibly intercept General Gatacre's advance to recapture Stormberg junction a strategic point, from which General Gatacre can get in direct touch, through railroad, with General French at Naauwpoort, and thus with the British base at Deonar.

Another dispatch says refugees are arriving from Queenstown and assert Lady Grey has been occupied by colonial farmers, and it is feared there that there is a general movement in favor of the Boers.

Further dispatches from Belmont confirming the treacherous use of the white flag by Boers is arousing indignation. The troops engaged bitterly complaining and it is feared the result will be refusal to give the Boers no quarter.

Further details of the battle of Belmont show that the behavior of the British infantry in charging strong positions held by the Boers was magnificent. On the face of a tremendous fire, the British guards three times drove the Free Staters in flight from their kopjes. The war correspondent of The Chronicle, however, says that the Boer marksmanship was wretched, otherwise, not a single guardsman out of the two battalions of Coldstream, who carried the position at the point of the bayonet could have lived to reach the summit of the ridge.

The censorship has let in a fresh series of Kaffir rumors respecting a great victory by the Ladysmith garrison on Sunday, but it has kept out definite information relating to the anomalous military situation in Lower Natal. The rumors of victory come from many sources, but are trustworthy, and are discredited by any official report from General White via Durban, showing the situation at Ladysmith unchanged on Nov. 22, although based upon a strong inherent probability that a trained Indian fighter like General White discovering that the lines of the investment have been weakened by the withdrawal of a large force southward, would not remain idle, but would attack the enemy's position without delay.

All the news from Ladysmith must be discredited, unless it comes by pigeon when there are three missing links in the broken chain of communication with the coast. The fourth break has not yet been reported between the capital of Natal and the seaboard. But at the worst Englishmen will be able to console themselves with the reflection that the Boers cannot go outside of Durban without plunging into the sea.

There are reports of heavy artillery fire here and spirited skirmishing, but the curtain has not been lifted high enough to enable any one in London to obtain a clear glimpse of what is going on. The situation in Natal is not so critical as the panic monger imagines. Every important river crossing below Estcourt has been securely guarded and the column is receiving reinforcements rapidly from the coast and is slowly pulling itself together.

Pietermaritzburg is safe and the Boer demonstration is hardly more than a hazardous, if not ingenious and effective, method of harassing and blocking the British advance.

General French's movement toward Colesberg is explained by military experts as a maneuver to occupy the enemy and prevent raiding against General Methuen's long line of communications. But Sir Alfred Milner's proclamation shows that there is serious danger of a Dutch uprising, and that General Gatacre needs troops to drive back the hostile forces as soon as possible. Reinforcements were sent Friday to Port Elizabeth for him, and another small detachment of cavalry was sent to Durban.

About 20,000 troops are still absent, over 24,000 having arrived in South Africa, of whom 10,000 have been sent to Durban. The first battalion of the new division sailed Friday on three

transports and the transport Warren has also sailed.

The emperor's visit will be returned by the queen at Potsdam after her holiday at the Italian Riviera next spring. This is no public announcement, but this is already understood in diplomatic circles. Political gossip is already asking whether the secretary for the colonies will accompany her to complete negotiations already begun at Windsor, for there has been diplomacy behind the scenes after all. The German emperor singled out Mr. Chamberlain for special attentions at the state banquet, and talked with him so long and so closely that every prominent diplomat present took note of it. The next day Mr. Chamberlain visited Hatfield, and on the day after held a protracted interview with the emperor, Count Von Buelow and Count Hatzfeldt, the German ambassador, at Windsor.

The subject of this conference is the high state secret, but the safest conjecture connects it with Delagoa Bay, although there is another surmise that reaches as far as Persia. The German emperor has evidently turned his strictly private visit to some private account, notwithstanding the death of Lady Salisbury and the serious ailments of Count Hatzfeldt. Everything seems to play into the hands of Mr. Chamberlain. The prime minister's bereavement and Mr. Balfour's rightful place among the members at Hatfield have brought the secretary of the colonies to the front as a practical man of business, ready to drive a good bargain with the German emperor.

The Wounded at Belmont.

Orange River, Nov. 25.—In all 107 wounded, including several Boers, have arrived here from Belmont. One Boer, a boy of 17 years, was compelled to take up arms with his father, who is a prisoner. A wounded Boer said 20 men were selected from each Boer section to pick off the British officers, but, he added, on the advance of the British force the Boer marksmen were bewildered as it was impossible to distinguish the officers who wore the same equipment as the men. The marksmen were also unable to make out the sergeants and other noncommissioned officers whose stripes had been removed.

Run Against Boers.

Mool River, Natal, Nov. 25.—Reconnaissance force in the direction of Highland station discovered a big force of Boers with guns. The Boers shelled and the British guns replied. Scouts also reported another strong force to the northwest of the camp. The British guns were returned to camp and the infantry has fallen back.

Insulting to Victoria.

Paris, Nov. 25.—Anti-English caricatures in connection with the Transvaal war culminated in a grossly obscene drawing insulting to Queen Victoria in a caricature entitled "English Correction," which the police seized, probably as the outcome of the British embassy representations.

GOVERNMENT OF CUBA.

President McKinley Still Believes a Civilian Governor Best.

Washington, Nov. 25.—President McKinley is still contemplating the solution of the Cuban governorship problem by the appointment of a civilian to that office. He is looking about for a man of high qualifications who has had large experience in administrative positions. His ideal for the place is a man who has been a successful governor of one of the states.

If this plan is adopted it will be supplemented by a complete rearrangement of the military commands in the islands. The appointment of Generals Lee and Wilson to be brigadier generals in the regular army, and their retirement is contemplated. General Brooke will be called home. This will leave Generals Ludlow and Wood the only general officers in Cuba. The island would then be divided into two military departments, with General Ludlow in command of the western department and General Wood in command of the eastern department.

No definite conclusion will be reached until after the matter has been discussed with General Wood, now on his way from Santiago to Washington.

Secretary Root when questioned said that General Wood had been summoned to discuss matters relating to eastern Cuba, which will be under his command if the new plan is adopted.

It is known, however, that the president has not entirely abandoned the idea of appointing General Wood to the governorship of the entire island. The principal difficulty in the way of this appointment is that it would produce friction among military men and in Cuba. General Ludlow, it is understood, would object very strongly to serve under General Wood, and General Ludlow's services are wanted in Havana and its neighborhood. By the appointment of a civilian to this governor, it is thought the services of Generals Ludlow and Wood could be retained without friction.

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